

Judiciary Committee

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I support SB 123 An act repealing the risk reduction credit program

I believe this bill is a right step in the right direction, we have been sending the wrong message to criminals in my opinion for far to long that message being we really don't mean what we say and as a bonus we will reward you for good behavior after you commit the crime, this kind of logic always seemed backside backwards to me as well as what I refer to as the revolving door justice system again backside backwards, also we must not dismiss the psychological effect of this bill for if there is no hope of early release it also acts as a deter-ant to the criminal. Some of us as parents already understand the importance of keeping our word when disciplining our children for what message am I sending to my son or daughter when I reduce there time out sentence versus continuously implementing the FULL time out sentence, by enforcing the full time out sentence the message I am sending to my children is, I mean what I say thus the original desired effect of the time out is achieved. I also firmly believe this bill would regain some trust and faith with the public for what message have we been sending them? A criminal is rewarded for their crimes, that's the message I've been getting.

In closing I would again show my full support for SB 123 because I believe in meaning what I say.

Thank You